

Lester Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 8, 2008, 7:00 PM
Community Room of the Lester Public Library

President Patrick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Patrick Gagnon, Rick Henrickson, Brenda Krause, Teri Wagner, Sheridan O'Rourke, Terry Schumacher, Kirsten Miller, Joyce Beth. Absent: Wayne Schultz, Sharon Stone. Also Present: Manitowoc Calumet Library System Treasurer John Wallace, Director Jeff Dawson, Adult Services Coordinator Chris Hamburg, Recording Secretary Elaine Olszewski-Steckler. Invited Guests: Steven J. Remark & Christopher K. Moss representing JP Morgan, and Doug DeVries representing Edward Jones.

Public Comment: President Gagnon acknowledged Manitowoc Calumet Library System Treasurer John Wallace in attendance.

Guest Speakers - Steven J. Remark, and Christopher K. Moss of JP Morgan handed out materials and presented the board potential investing scenarios. Doug DeVries of Edward Jones then presented materials and services Edward Jones could provide. President Gagnon thanked the each for their time.

At 7:55 PM Patrick announced that there would be no closed session at this meeting, and the Trustee Education would be postponed to a later date.

Moved by Rick Henrickson and seconded by Teri Wagner to approve and accept the minutes of March 11, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Joyce Beth and seconded by Sheridan O'Rourke to accept the February 2008 Detail Ledger, Budget Reports, and BankFirst Investment Statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: None.

Library Director Jeff Dawson provided the board with his written report for the month of March. Dawson highlighted the legislative update concerning Senate Bill 1 passed to make it legal for library boards to transfer a gift, bequest, or endowment to certain charitable organizations. An amendment to the bill allows the transfer of gifts received by a library prior to passage of the bill. Dawson asked for questions or comments on his report. Jeff stated that circulation statistics continue to be up, although foot traffic is down.

City Council Report – None.

School District Report – None.

County Board Representative Rick Henrickson announced his reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for the next 2-year term and feels privileged to serve on the board.

Unfinished Business: Moved by Rick Henrickson and seconded by Kirsten Miller to approve the proposed Children in the Library Policy. After discussing the revisions and terminology, both Henrickson and Miller withdrew the motion. Dawson will be following up on related issues for consideration of this policy at the May meeting.

New Business: Re-configuration the Parking Lots. Dawson stated that he is in the process of getting quotes for re-configuring the parking lots. He has received two (2) bids on the drainage and expects a third quote. He will also be getting quotes on resurfacing the lots. Dawson anticipates the project will run from \$30,000 to \$50,000 resurfacing and grading all totaled. Teri Wagner asked if this project was a matter for the Building & Grounds Committee. The total board will consider this construction. Rick Henrickson suggested contacting the county for estimates on resurfacing, as a cost savings measure. Henrickson further requested the lot remain well lit, for the safety of the staff & public. President Gagnon stated there would be a potential action item on this for May.

Library Directors Goals: The board will consider the goals submitted by Dawson, and add their own goals for him. Gagnon requested that board members submit their goals to Dawson before the next board packet goes out for consideration. President Gagnon further stated that this list be a permanent part of Dawson's personnel file.

Closed Executive Session – The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to enter into Closed Session, per Wisconsin Statutes s. 19.85(1)(c) which allows closed sessions when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. Anticipated closed session for an update on collective bargaining. The meeting remained open, with no closed session.

Other business: President Gagnon thanked Sheridan O'Rourke for his outstanding service to the board the past 6 years. The board is grateful for his service and leadership as Past President.

Motion by Sheridan O'Rourke, second Rick Henrickson for adjournment. Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Olszewski-Steckler
Recording Secretary